

## PATENT

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. MBHB02,742-F (400/131))

## IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen, *et al.* )  
Serial 10/665,951 ) Examiner: To Be Assigned  
No. ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
Filed: September 18, 2003 )  
Title RNA Interference Mediated Inhibition Of ) Confirmation No.: 8325  
Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor And )  
Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor )  
Receptor Gene Expression Using Short )  
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA) )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments before examination on the merits.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.